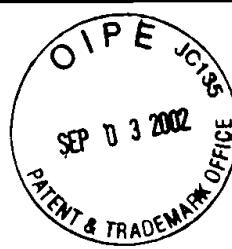


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

1. (Amended) A method of molding a cheese or non-frozen milk product, wherein the method comprises:

a) casting a melt of said product having a dry extract content lying in the range 25% to 50%, and a fat content by weight in the dry extract lying in the range 30% to 75%, into at least one mold;

b) cooling the melt to cause at least a peripheral layer of the melt to congeal;

c) reheating the mold(s) to soften a surface region of said congealed peripheral layer;

and

d) unmolding the product.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, including, after the unmolding step d), a step e) of coating the product.

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